

## FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Mar 8 - Thu, Mar 14

### PART ONE

*The following action has been taken by the United States Trotting Association. This information is in an abbreviated form.*

**\*\*\* NO RECORDS FOUND \*\*\***

### PART TWO - MAJOR PENALTIES

*The following actions published herein and imposed pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Racing Commissions of the various states and provinces are given full faith and credit and strictly enforced by the United States Trotting Association consistent with the provisions of USTA Rule 22, Section 13 and 14 relative to RECIPROCITY OF PENALTIES. The fact that there is no separate action taken by the USTA in the form of a "ruling of reciprocity" shall not be construed as a failure to recognize and/or reciprocate with those published penalties.*

*Please note that the following action is in an abbreviated form. Further information may be available by contacting the Racing Commissions or their representatives.*

**ABDALA, ALBERT P III**  
**DD** on 3/13/2019

**THORNDALE, PA** **YOB 1960**  
**INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF**  
**3/13/2019**

#### **OTHER**

Owner Albert Abdala is indefinitely suspended pending receipt of requested documentation related to ownership records and or a Judge`s hearing (see DHRC rule: 3.2.3.7.2). Albert Abdala had a scheduled Judge`s hearing on March 13, 2019 and failed to appear, at which time the suspension became effective.

***Status as of 3/14/2019 - Subsequent Ruling - Owner Albert Abdala is indefinitely suspended pending receipt of requested documentation related to ownership records and/or a Judge's hearing (see DHRC rule: 3.2.3.7.2). Albert Abdala had a scheduled Judge's hearing on March 13, 2019 and failed to appear, at which time the suspension became effective.***

**BALIGA, JOSEPH M**  
**HoP** on 9/30/2016

**DALEVILLE, IN** **YOB 1955**  
**INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF**  
**10/1/2016**

#### **OTHER**

71 IAC 10-2-3(a) 71 IAC 5-1-14(a)(10) While acting as lasix administration veterinarian on the grounds of Hoosier Park on 9/30/16 Mr. Baliga committed an act that was against the best interest of racing. He administered a medication other than lasix to a horse who was entered in race 5 on 9/30/16. The summary suspension will continue until a hearing on

that suspension is requested in writing by the licensee. This matter is referred to the Executive Director of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission for further action.

***Status as of 3/8/2019 - Amendment - Judge's Ruling No. 16146HOP is hereby lifted by operation of law.***

**COX, SCOTT L**

**Nfld** on 1/29/2019

**STREETSBORO, OH**

FINED: \$500

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

**YOB 1969**

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Blood sample #846563 collected at Northfield Park on 1/29/19 from the horse Annie`s Rocketman was found to contain Naproxen, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAID) not approved by the commission. All purse money must be returned for redistribution (\$3,900.00). O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01(A)(2) 18-01(B)(1),(10),(13),(15),(16)&(17) 18-02 18-99 If the fine is not paid to the judges by 3/18/19 you may be suspended and or license revoked by the commission. If the purse money is not returned by 3/18/19 the owner or owners shall stand suspended until all purse money has been returned to the permit holder. Horses owned wholly or in part by the owner or owners shall also be suspended and are not transferable until purse money has been returned.

**FARRIS, VOD J**

**CaIX** on 1/18/2019

**LAS VEGAS, NV**

FINED: \$100

**YOB 1970**

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

Groom Vod Farris is fined the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1481 (c) Unlicensed Participation on January 18, 2019.

**HANNA, VINCE A**

**MVR** on 2/23/2019

**DELAWARE, OH**

FINED: \$1,000

**YOB 1988**

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Miami Valley Gaming Trainer VINCE HANNA is hereby fined the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for a violation of OSRC Rule 3769-18.01(A)(2), 3769-18-01(B)(1),3769-18-01(B)(15-16-17),3769-18-02 & 3769-18-99. Blood Sample #870326 on horse HUNCHIE tested by the Analytical Toxicology Laboratory at the ODA on March 7, 2019 revealed a presence of

Cobalt. The Cobalt concentration in the blood sample was determined to be at 124 + 4 (ppb) of plasma. This exceeds the regulatory threshold of 25 (ppb) adopted by the OSRC. Because this is Mr. Hanna's 8th medication violation this ruling has been referred to the OSRC for further action. If the fine is not paid to the judges by 3/25/19 you may be suspended and or license revoked by the commission.

**MVR** on 2/24/2019

FINED: \$1,000  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Miami Valley Gaming Trainer VINCE HANNA is hereby fined the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for a violation of OSRC Rule 3769-18.01(A)(2), 3769-18-01(B)(1),3769-18-01(B)(15-16-17),3769-18-02 & 3769-18-99. Blood Sample #870326 on horse McWILLIAM tested by the Analytical Toxicology Laboratory at the ODA on March 7, 2019 revealed a presence of Cobalt. The Cobalt concentration in the blood sample was determined to be at 90 + 2 (ppb) of plasma. This exceeds the regulatory threshold of 25 (ppb) adopted by the OSRC. In addition, purse money received of seven hundred and twenty dollars (\$720.00) must be returned and redistributed. Because this is Mr. Hanna's 9th medication violation this ruling has been referred to the OSRC for further action. If the fine is not paid to the judges by 3/25/19 you may be suspended and or license revoked by the commission.

**HOPE, JORDAN A**  
**Nfid** on 1/28/2019

**VERNON, NY** **YOB 1987**  
FINED: \$1,000  
FULL - 60 DAYS, 3/10/2019 THRU  
5/8/2019  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION  
*APPEALED - 3/9/2019*

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Urine sample #846547 collected at Northfield Park on 1/28/19 from the horse Barn Sis was found to contain Dextrorphan (a major metabolite of Dextromethorphan, a cough suppressant). All purse money must be returned for redistribution (\$8,500.00). O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01(A)(2) 18-01(B)(1),(10),(13),(15),(16)&(17) 18-02 18-99 Mr. Hope is barred from all grounds governed by the OSRC during his suspension. Any horses under his care that he wants to transfer to another owner or trainer must be approved by the judges or the OSRC. If the fine is not paid to the judges by

3/16/19 you may be suspended and or license revoked by the commission.  
**Status as of 3/9/2019 - Appeal**

**LITT, THOMAS**

**Nfld** on 2/13/2019

**BUCKEYE LAKE, OH**

FINED: \$500

FULL - 180 DAYS, 2/19/2019 THRU  
8/17/2019

**YOB 1994**

**POSSESSION OF HYPODERMIC NEEDLES, SYRINGES AND/OR  
INJECTABLE AND/OR OTHER DRUGS**

On February 13, 2019 a search was conducted of the vehicle belonging to Thomas Litt. Mr. Litt was present during the search and a syringe containing fluid with a needle attached was found and also an empty syringe was in the vehicle. Mr. Litt was not truthful with investigators concerning the whereabouts of his vehicle prior to the search. His action was against the best interest of racing. O.S.R.C.-3769-18-07(A) 18-99 17-30(B) 3769-12-26(A)(5)&(10) 12-99 If the fine is not paid to the judges by 2/28/19 you may be suspended and or license revoked by the commission. Mr. Litt is barred from all grounds governed by the OSRC during his suspension. Any horses under his care that he wants to transfer must be approve by the judges or the OSRC.

**Status as of 3/9/2019 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Litt has dropped his appeal of ruling NFLD-2019-041 and has accepted the penalty.**

**O.S.R.C.-3769-18-07(A) 18-99 17-30(B) 3769-12-26(A)(5)&(10) 12-99 Mr. Litt is barred from all grounds governed by the OSRC during his suspension. Any horses under his care that he wants to transfer to another owner or trainer must be approved by the judges or the OSRC. If the fine is not paid to the judges by 3/16/19 you may be suspended and or license revoked by the commission.**

**LONGO, GERALD**

**CaIX** on 1/18/2019

**CRETE, IL**

FINED: \$500

**YOB 1945**

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION RULES**

Trainer Gerald Longo is fined the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1501 (Worker's Compensation Insurance Required) Rule #1482 (Employing unlicensed person) and #1895 (Trainer duty to ensure licensed participation)

**MORGAN, ANTHONY N**

**PHL** on 2/26/2019

**WARWICK, MD**

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES)  
AS OF 3/9/2019

**YOB 1958**

**FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)**

PA Code Title 58-183.391. Mr. Morgan failed to pay his fines associated with Harrah`s Philadelphia Judges Ruling Numbers 18161CD and 18165CD, totaling \$400. Mr. Morgan is hereby indefinitely suspended in Pennsylvania as of February 26, 2019 until such time he pays his outstanding fines. During the term of suspension, Mr. Morgan is banned from any racing activities in Pennsylvania otherwise permitted if properly licensed by the Commission. Mr. Morgan has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

***Status as of 3/9/2019 - Subsequent Ruling - PA Code Title 58-183.269. Having paid his outstanding fines, Mr. Morgan is hereby restored to good standing in Pennsylvania as of March 9, 2019.***

**PAPALEO, GREGORY H**

**Mea** on 12/26/2018

**REHOBOTH BEACH, DE**

**YOB 1950**

**RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES)**

**AS OF 3/14/2019**

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Code Title 58-183.266,183.267(8). Mr. Papaleo failed to complete his licensing requirements in Pennsylvania. He is hereby fined \$50, and issued an indefinite suspension beginning December 27, 2018 until such time he completes his licensing requirements. During the term of his suspension, he is banned from all racing activities otherwise permitted if properly licensed by the Commission. The fine is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Papaleo has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

***Status as of 3/14/2019 - Subsequent Ruling - PA Code 58-183.256 Mr. Papaleo has completed his licensing requirements and has paid his fine. As of 3/14/19 he is restored to good standing in Pennsylvania.***

**WILCOX, KENT J**

**MVR** on 1/14/2019

**HOLLANSBURG, OH**

**YOB 1958**

**FINED: \$500**

**FULL - 15 DAYS, 3/2/2019 THRU  
3/16/2019**

**HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION**

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Miami Valley Gaming Trainer KENT WILCOX is hereby fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and issued a fifteen day full suspension from Mar 2, 2019 through Mar 16, 2019 for violation of OSRC Rule 3769-18.01(A)(2), 3769-18-01(B)(1),3769-18-01(B)(15-16-17),3769-18-02 & 3769-18-99. In addition purse money of three thousand (\$3,750.00) dollars must be returned to Miami Valley Gaming. Blood Sample #848384 on horse CHEROKEE MOONLIT tested by the Analytical Toxicology Laboratory at the Ohio Department of Agriculture on February 20, 2019 revealed a presence of Levamisole. During his suspension Mr. Wilcox is denied the use and privileges of all grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. All horses trained by Mr. Wilcox are suspended and may only be transferred with permission from the judges at Miami Valley Gaming or the executive director at the OSRC. If the fine is not paid and purse is not returned to the judges by 3/25/2019 you may be suspended and or license revoked by the Commission.

**YODER, JESSE D**  
**Mea** on 2/14/2019

**BELL, FL** **YOB 1998**  
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES)  
AS OF 3/8/2019

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Code Title 58-183.266,183.267(8). Mr. Yoder failed to complete his licensing requirements in a timely manner. He is hereby fined \$50, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Yoder is hereby indefinitely suspended in Pennsylvania beginning February 20, 2019 until such time he completes his licensing requirements and pays the fine. During the term of suspension, Mr. Yoder is banned from all racing activities otherwise permitted if properly licensed by the Commission. Mr. Yoder has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

***Status as of 3/8/2019 - Subsequent Ruling - PA Code Title 58-183.269. Having completed his licensing requirements and paying his outstanding fine, Mr. Yoder is hereby restored to good standing in Pennsylvania as of March 8, 2019.***

**ZUBKOFF, EDWARD J JR**  
**Mea** on 2/1/2019

**WINTERSVILLE, OH** **YOB 1962**  
FINED: \$1,000  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9,  
PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

PA Code Title 58-183.336,183.352,183.355,183.357. Mr. Zubkoff was the



trainer of record for MCLUCKY in the 12th Race at The Meadows on February 1, 2019. Post race analysis of sample 319369 showed the presence of ALTRENOGEST. Having waived his right to a formal hearing, split sample, and right to appeal, Mr. Zubkoff is hereby fined \$1,000 and ordered to return all purse monies earned by MCLUCKY in the above race. MCLUCKY finished 1st and is disqualified and placed 9th. (Purse return and fine paid)

### PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

**CONRAD, CHARLES M**                      **MCCORDSVILLE, IN**                      **YOB 1975**  
**MVR** on 3/9/2019                      FINED: \$300  
DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 3/10/2019 THRU  
3/12/2019

#### **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

Miami Valley Gaming Driver CHARLIE CONRAD is hereby fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and issued a three day driving suspension on Sunday March 10, 2019, Monday March 11 2019 and Tuesday March 12, 2019 for violation of Ohio State Racing Commission Rule 3769-17-17.(b). While driving No. 2 UNCAGED in the first race on March 9, 2019 at Miami Valley Gaming, Mr. Conrad did move his arm in an exaggerated manner and used more than his wrist and elbow during the final quarter. This is Mr. Conrad's second such violation of the whipping rule within the last 365 days in the state of Ohio. All fines are due within forty-eight hours of the date of this ruling.

**GRUNDY, RYAN**                              **RED DEER, AB**                              **YOB 1981**  
**CaIX** on 3/2/2019                              FINED: \$100

#### **EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Driver Ryan Grundy who drove #1 CAMITA B AND E in the fourth race on Saturday March 2, 2019 is fined the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for violation of the California Horse Racing Board rule # 1734 (b(2) Whipping / Allowing the hand holding the whip to reach behind the driver during the use of the whip. First offense

**LONGO, GERALD**                              **CRETE, IL**                              **YOB 1945**  
**CaIX** on 2/15/2019                              FINED: \$100

#### **EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Driver Gerald Longo who drove GENE EUGENE in the first race on Friday,





## PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

<b>ABBATIELLO, AGOSTINO</b>	<b>HUNTINGTON, NY</b>	<b>YOB 1952</b>
<b>M</b> on 2/15/2019	<b>FINED: \$100</b>	
<b>FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL</b>		
<b>BERTRAND, RICHARD</b>	<b>CIRCLE PINES, MN</b>	<b>YOB 1963</b>
<b>CaIX</b> on 2/16/2019	<b>FINED: \$100</b>	
<b>LATE TO THE PADDOCK</b>		
<b>CUSHING, MITCHELL D</b>	<b>ALBION, ME</b>	<b>YOB 1998</b>
<b>Fhld</b> on 3/8/2019	<b>FINED: \$50</b>	
<b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>		
<b>DAVIS, TYLER EDWARD</b>	<b>SMYRNA, DE</b>	<b>YOB 1992</b>
<b>DD</b> on 3/11/2019	<b>FINED: \$100</b>	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>EHRHARDT, JOHN JR</b>	<b>CINCINNATI, OH</b>	<b>YOB 1978</b>
<b>Nfld</b> on 4/22/2017	<b>RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 3/9/2019</b>	
<b>OTHER</b>		
<b>GINGRAS, YANNICK</b>	<b>ALLENTOWN, NJ</b>	<b>YOB 1979</b>
<b>M</b> on 2/23/2019	<b>FINED: \$300</b>	
<b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>		
<b>GINSBURG, VINCENT A</b>	<b>JACKSON, NJ</b>	<b>YOB 1988</b>
<b>Fhld</b> on 3/8/2019	<b>FINED: \$50</b>	
<b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>		
<b>HOWARD, MARK R</b>	<b>FEDERALSBURG, MD</b>	<b>YOB 1978</b>
<b>DD</b> on 2/28/2019	<b>OTHER(AAL99) AS OF 2/28/2019 INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/28/2019</b>	
<b>OTHER</b>		
<b>KENNEDY, JAMES E</b>	<b>SACRAMENTO, CA</b>	<b>YOB 1978</b>
<b>CaIX</b> on 2/22/2019	<b>FINED: \$100</b>	
<b>FAILURE TO REPORT EQUIPMENT CHANGE</b>		

**KREMEN, MARK S** **LAS VEGAS, NV** **YOB 1964**  
DD on 3/6/2019 OTHER(AAL99) AS OF 3/6/2019  
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF  
3/6/2019

**OTHER**

**LACKEY, JAMES EMMETT** **SACRAMENTO, CA** **YOB 1952**  
CaIX on 3/2/2019 FINED: \$50  
**FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION**

**MC CHRYSAL, GEORGE T** **LAS VEGAS, NV** **YOB 1958**  
DD on 3/11/2019 OTHER(AAL99) AS OF 3/11/2019  
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF  
3/11/2019

**OTHER**

**MERRIMAN, AARON EDWARD** **NORTHFIELD, OH** **YOB 1978**  
Nfld on 3/5/2019 FINED: \$500  
*APPEALED - 3/11/2019*

**LATE TO THE PADDOCK**

**MERTON, MICHAEL J** **MONTICELLO, NY** **YOB 1971**  
MR on 3/7/2019 DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 3/14/2019 THRU  
3/16/2019

**CARRY A HORSE OUT**

**PAGE, CHRIS L** **MT VERNON, OH** **YOB 1983**  
Nfld on 3/4/2019 FINED: \$50  
**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**PAQUET, FERNAND A JR** **DALLAS, PA** **YOB 1968**  
M on 3/1/2019 DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 3/7/2019 THRU  
3/9/2019

**JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS**

M on 3/1/2019 FINED: \$300  
**FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION**

**POLISENO, JOSEPH** **PITTSTON, PA** **YOB 1963**  
DD on 3/12/2019 FINED: \$50  
**FAILURE TO KEEP HOLE CLOSED**

<b>RHOADES, WILLIAM</b> Nfld on 3/5/2019	<b>CLARKSVILLE, PA</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1987</b>
<b>FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OR PROPER DECLARATION INFORMATION</b>		
<b>SHAW, CHRISTOPHER S</b> Mea on 3/6/2019	<b>MEADOW LANDS, PA</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 6	<b>YOB 1986</b>
<b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>		
<b>SIEGELMAN, AUSTIN T</b> Fhld on 2/23/2019	<b>KINGSTON, PA</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1992</b>
<b>FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION</b>		
MR on 3/11/2019	FINED: \$50	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>SILLMAN, VALDA L</b>	<b>N MASSAPEQUA, NY</b>	<b>YOB UNKN</b>
DD on 2/27/2019	OTHER(AAL99) AS OF 2/27/2019 INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/27/2019	
<b>OTHER</b>		
<b>SMITH, EDWARD LEON</b> CaIX on 2/22/2019	<b>SACRAMENTO, CA</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1955</b>
<b>FAILURE TO REPORT EQUIPMENT CHANGE</b>		
<b>SOWERS, MCGWIRE P</b> MR on 3/6/2019	<b>WINDSOR, ME</b> DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 3/13/2019 THRU 3/15/2019	<b>YOB 2000</b>
<b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>		
<b>STAFFORD, ARTHUR C JR</b> DD on 3/12/2019	<b>FELTON, DE</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1966</b>
<b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>		
<b>SUNDSTROM, MARK C</b> Nfld on 3/3/2019	<b>OAKWOOD VILLAGE, OH</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1966</b>
<b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>		

**SWEENEY, PATRICK M**  
PPk on 2/19/2019  
OTHER

**DAVISON, MI**  
FINED: \$100

**YOB 1954**

**TAGGART, SHANE J**

**SCARBOROUGH, ME**

**YOB  
1978**

MR on 3/13/2019  
FINED: \$50  
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED

**WATSON, MIKE C**  
PcD on 3/11/2019

**WIND GAP, PA**  
FINED: \$100

**YOB 1961**

**NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE**